

**IV. Remarks**

After entry of the amendment, claims 13, 16-19 are pending.

The specification has been amended to include the specific relationship of a non-provisional application, as requested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice.

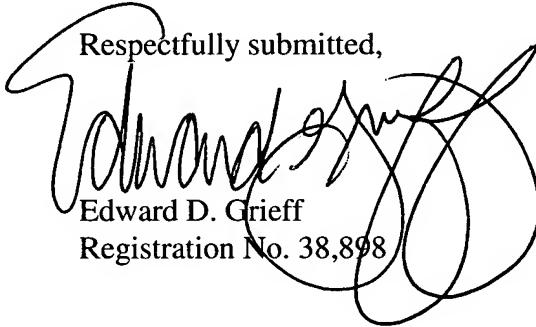
Claim 13 has been amended and is supported by cancelled claims 14 and 15 and the specification at, for example, page 59, lines 22-29. In view of the amendment to claim 13, the rejection under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, is moot.

No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

An early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 13, 16-19 is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to expedite the allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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